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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of filing fee, please enter the following amendment in the specification and claims:

In the Specification:

Page 1, just after the title, please add the new following paragraph:

This application is an application under 35 U.S.C. Section 371 of International Application Number PCT/FR00/01438 filed on May 26, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16, and replace them with the following new claims 17-35.

17. (New) A process for preparing polymers, comprising to steps of:

a) bringing into contact to obtain a polymer:

- at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer,
- at least one source of free radicals, and

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